

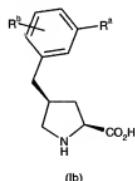
Listing of Claims

The following listing of Claims will replace all prior versions and listings of Claims in the Application.

Claims

1-14(Cancelled)

15. (Withdrawn) A compound of formula (lb):



wherein R^a is selected from halogen, hydroxy, cyano, nitro, amino, hydroxycarbonyl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkenyl, C₁-C₆ alkynyl, hydroxyC₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxyC₁-C₆ alkyl, perfluoroC₁-C₆ alkoxy, C₁-C₆ alkylamino, di-C₁-C₆ alkylamino, aminoC₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkylaminoC₁-C₆ alkyl, di-C₁-C₆ alkylaminoC₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ acyl, C₁-C₆ acyloxy, C₁-C₆ acyloxyC₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ acylamino, C₁-C₆ alkylthio, C₁-C₆ alkylthiocarbonyl, C₁-C₆ alkylthioxo, C₁-C₆ alkoxy carbonyl, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonylamino, aminosulfonyl, C₁-C₆ alkylaminosulfonyl, di-C₁-C₆ alkylaminosulfonyl, 3-8 membered cycloalkyl, 4-8 membered heterocycloalkyl, phenyl and monocyclic heteroaryl;

R^b is selected from hydrogen, halogen, hydroxy, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy cyano, nitro, amino, hydroxycarbonyl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkenyl, C₁-C₆ alkynyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, hydroxyC₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxyC₁-C₆ alkyl, perfluoro C₁-C₆ alkyl, perfluoroC₁-C₆ alkoxy, C₁-C₆ alkylamino, di-C₁-C₆ alkylamino, aminoC₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkylaminoC₁-C₆ alkyl, di-C₁-C₆ alkylaminoC₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ acyl, C₁-C₆ acyloxy, C₁-C₆ acyloxyC₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ acylamino,

C₁-C₆ alkylthio, C₁-C₆ alkylthiocarbonyl, C₁-C₆ alkylthioxo, C₁-C₆ alkoxy carbonyl, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonylamino, aminosulfonyl, C₁-C₆ alkylaminosulfonyl, di-C₁-C₆ alkylaminosulfonyl, 3-8 membered cycloalkyl, 4-8 membered heterocycloalkyl, phenyl and monocyclic heteroaryl; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

16-17 (canceled)

18. (Withdrawn) A compound of formula (1b) according to claim 15 which is selected from the group consisting of:

(2S,4S)-4-(3-Fluoro-benzyl)-pyrrolidine-2-carboxylic acid;
(2S,4S)-4-(2,3-Difluoro-benzyl)-pyrrolidine-2-carboxylic acid; and
(2S,4S)-4-(2,5-Difluoro-benzyl)-pyrrolidine-2-carboxylic acid; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

19. (canceled)

20. (Withdrawn) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of formula (1b) according to claim 15, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and one or more pharmaceutically acceptable excipients, diluents or carriers.

21. (Withdrawn) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of formula (1b) according to claim 15, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and at least one other therapeutically active agent.

22. (Withdrawn, currently amended) A combination according to claim 21, wherein the other therapeutically active agent is a PDEV inhibitor selected from sildenafil, vardenafil, tadalafil, 1-(6-ethoxy-5-[3-ethyl-6,7-dihydro-2-(2-methoxyethyl)-7-oxo-2H-pyrazolo[4,3-d]pyrimidin-5-yl]-3-pyridylsulfonyl)-4-ethylpiperazine, 5-(5-acetyl-2-butoxy-3-pyridinyl)-3-ethyl-2-(1-ethyl-3-azetidinyl)-2,6-dihydro-7H-pyrazolo[4,3-d]pyrimidin-7-one and 5-[2-ethoxy-5-(4-ethylpiperazin-1-ylsulphonyl)pyridin-3-yl]-3-ethyl-2-[2-methoxyethyl]-2,6-dihydro-7H-pyrazolo[4,3-d]pyrimidin-7-one.

23-26. (canceled) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of formula (1c) according to claim 16, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and one or more pharmaceutically acceptable excipients, diluents or carriers.

27. (New) The compound (2*S*,4*S*)-4-(3-Fluoro-benzyl)-pyrrolidine-2-carboxylic acid, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

28. (New) The compound (2*S*,4*S*)-4-(2,3-Difluoro-benzyl)-pyrrolidine-2-carboxylic acid, a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

29. (New) The compound (2*S*,4*S*)-4-(2,5-Difluoro-benzyl)-pyrrolidine-2-carboxylic acid, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.